

Faculty Senate Meeting
December 5, 2013 1:00-3:00 PM
Hall of Honors
Minutes

Senators in Attendance:

X	K. Boland-Prom (CHHS)	X	O. Ijose (CBPA)	X	V. Person (COE)
X	Y. Brown (CAS)*		R. James (CHHS)	X	X. She (COE)
X	J. Cook (COE)	X	S. Ji (CBPA)*	X	A. Tamulis (CAS)*
X	D. Cortese (CAS)*	X	E. Johnson (CAS)	X	C. Tymkow (AL/CHHS)
	E. Essex (CHHS)	X	M. Kasik (COE)*	X	S. Wadhwa (CHHS)
X	S. Gandy (AL/COE)*	X	C. Luo (CBPA)	X	R. Washington (CHHS)*
X	L. Geller (UL)*	X	E. Mengova (CBPA)		B. Wilson (CAS)
X	D. Golland (CAS)	X	R. Muhammad (AL/CAS)*	X	B. Winicki (COE)*
X	D. Hechenberger (AL/COE)*		B. Parin (AL/CAS)*		

* = Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Guests: D. Bordelon, A. Latham, C. Rock, V. Hunt, M. Holden. P. Blobaum, L. Morrow-Ruetten

1. Luncheon in honor of Colleen Rock was enjoyed by Senators and guests from 12:45 to 1:15 p.m.
2. The meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate President Muhammad at 1:15 p.m. with quorum.
3. Colleen Rock will be retiring in January. In recognition of her long service to the Faculty Senate and GSU faculty, an engraved, crystal plate and flowers were presented to Ms. Rock by Faculty Senate President Muhammad. Past Faculty Senate President Paul Blobaum spoke about Ms. Rock's service to EPC, her service as Secretary and Parliamentarian for the Faculty Senate.

4. Faculty Senate President Muhammad called for additions to the agenda; Faculty Senate Vice President stated discussion of the date of the next meeting should be added. Muhammad made the motion to approve the agenda with that edit; Kasik seconded. The edited agenda was approved by unanimous voice vote.

5. *Informational Reports:*

- a) Faculty Senate Portal/Website: C. Rock, V. Hunt, and M. Holden provided an update on the Faculty Senate Portal and Website. They reported that changes suggested by the Senate had been made, and the portal is ready to go live. Faculty Senate will be notified when access is available.
- b) Library Renovations: Dean L. Morrow Ruetten reported on planned revisions in the GSU Library. She stated that it will be a 21st Century library. The library will lose some square footage (approximately 8% of current space), primarily because the space needed for print journals has decreased. The library faculty will work with other faculty members to make sure changes are appropriate. Dean Morrow Ruetten stated that the goal is to complete renovation by the time freshmen are admitted (fall 2014).

6. *Administration Updates:*

Provost Bordelon: Provost Bordelon added her thanks to Ms. Rock. Provost Bordelon provide an update on *searches*. These include faculty searches (11 in CAS; 4 in CBPA; 3 in COE; 5 in CHHS) and a search for Dean of COE and Director of Institutional Research. She noted that some of these positions will be filled in spring 2014. Regarding *freshmen admissions*, 81 completed applications have been received. Twenty one were direct admits, 19 were early start (i.e., required to participate in summer “boot camp” program), 11 were denied admission, and 30 are waiting for review. Regarding *Open Access* legislation, the Board of Trustees will be asked tomorrow (Dec. 6) for approval of the newly formed committee. The Open Access Committee, with Senator Golland as Faculty Senate representative, will begin meeting in January 2014. Further information regarding Open Access can be found at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ceyVpPt6tI&feature=youtu.be>

Provost Bordelon reported that she had an answer to the question about official *GSU colors*, which was raised during the October Faculty Senate meeting. The official colors are black and white.

Provost Bordelon noted that the *Board of Trustees* will meet tomorrow (Friday, Dec. 6), starting at 8:30 a.m. Subcommittee meetings are held in the morning and the full Board of Trustees meets in the afternoon. She clarified that only Board members are official,

voting members of the committees. Therefore, when executive session is called, all others must leave. A brief discussion focused on the fact that the Human Resources subcommittee is almost always in executive session.

Associate Provost Latham: Associate Provost Latham provided information about the *Excellence Award Committee* and stated that President Maimon will be inviting committee representative nominations from UPI, UCC, and the Faculty Senate President.

Follow-up discussion included questions about quality of applicants for faculty searches, about freshmen admission processes, about capacity of student housing, about the scheduling of classes for freshmen, and about using different grading scales across different sections of the same course.

(Administration left the meeting at 2:05 p.m.)

7. *Faculty Senate November 2013 meeting minutes:* Faculty Senate Secretary noted that she had received edits from Senator Gandy and that the clarification regarding freshmen admission numbers (see above) will require edits to the draft minutes. Kasik made the motion to approve the minutes with edits; Tymkow seconded. The edited minutes were approved by voice vote, which was unanimous except for two abstentions.
8. Faculty Reports:
 - *IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee:* Cortese reported on the November IBHE-FAC meeting. He noted that the meeting included a presentation and discussion of Common Core State Standards and the standards' focus on college and career readiness. Example assessment items from PARC were presented and discussed. Cortese stated that the next meeting of IBHE-FAC will be next week, and the focus of that meeting will be the pension situation.
 - *University Curriculum Committee:* Senator Golland read an email from UCC Chair Parin; it stated that UCC has completed its work for the semester.
 - *Academic Program Review Committee:* Faculty Senate Secretary Winicki read a brief report from APRC Chair Gandy. APRC is currently reviewing and expects to approve a BA in Manufacturing and Management and a concentration in Management, Supervision and Leadership in the Social Work program.
 - *Graduate Studies Council:* Senator Wadhwa reported that guidelines for capstone projects are being drafted; they will be sent to faculty for feedback.
 - *Educational Policy Committee:* EPC Chair Tamulis reported that EPC will have an extended meeting on Dec. 12 in order to deal with several smaller policies. Faculty Senate Vice President Cortese requested that EPC Chair Tamulis send a statement regarding EPC's charge to him.
 - *Bargaining Unit:* Faculty Senate President Muhammad stated that negotiations updates can be found at <https://iftweb.ift-aft.org/4100/563/home>.

- *Executive Committee:* Faculty Senate President reported that Associate Provost Mayfield has requested input regarding the 2015-16 AY calendar draft. Discussion of the draft calendar focused on what “accessible to students” requires. For example, What is the response time for emails? The consensus was that this should be stated on syllabi. Also discussed was the lack of a clear deadline for dropping classes and for grading. The Faculty Senate’s consensus on this was that a specific date should be stated on the calendar, with exceptions for non-standard schedule classes. Cortese made the motion to move celebration of Lincoln’s Birthday to Presidents’ Day; Boland-Prom seconded. The vote was: 3 yes; 15 no; 2 abstentions. The response from D. Rhea regarding honors programs was discussed briefly.

8. Announcements:

Open Period Proposal: Senator Johnson reported that Dean Valente has proposed that Tuesday and Thursday class schedules include an open period / "club hours" from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. During these times, no classes for undergraduate students could be scheduled. She stated that this proposal has been approved by the Dean's Council, Student Senate, and the Academic Calendar Committee. However, Executive VP Ejigu has stated that he has grave concerns because of classroom space. Senator Johnson made the motion to oppose the proposed open period; Senator Washington seconded. The vote was: 3 no; 2 abstentions; all other yes.

Budget and Planning Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate: Faculty Senate Vice President Cortese noted that the Faculty Senate Bylaws include a new standing committee on Budget and Planning. He made the motion to create an ad hoc committee to develop this Budget and Planning Committee; Kasik seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote, except 1 abstention.

- 9. *January Meeting:* The senators present agreed the Faculty Senate Executive Committee should meet electronically on Jan. 13; the full Faculty Senate meeting will be Jan. 16, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

Adjournment: 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Winicki
Faculty Senate Secretary